

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-39 – (canceled)

40. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a film to form a reclosable bag, comprising the steps of:

providing a fastener comprising a first strip including a first reclosable profile and a second strip including a second reclosable profile that is complementary to said first reclosable profile, said first reclosable profile being interlocked with said second reclosable profile;

moving the film; and

attaching said first strip sequentially and crosswise with respect to the direction of movement of said film ~~thereby forming a first wall of the bag~~, and subsequently bringing longitudinal edges of the film together thereby forming a first wall where said first strip is attached and forming a second wall opposing said first wall and attaching said second strip to said second wall;

wherein each of said first and second strips contains at least one web extending substantially laterally on one side of the profile contained thereon and wherein a first portion of said at least one web is attached to said first or second wall and a second portion of said at least one web is free of attachment to said first or second wall;

and wherein said fastener includes a slider for opening and closing said film.

41. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a film to form a reclosable bag, comprising the steps of:

providing a fastener comprising a first strip including a first reclosable profile and a second strip including a second reclosable profile that is complementary to said first reclosable profile, said first reclosable profile being interlocked with said second reclosable profile;

moving the film;

forming cut-outs on said film;

attaching said first strip sequentially and crosswise with respect to the direction of movement of said film and proximate to said cut-outs thereby ~~forming a first wall of the bag~~, and subsequently bringing longitudinal edges of the film together thereby forming a first wall where said first strip is attached and forming a second wall opposing said first wall and attaching said second strip to said second wall;

wherein each of said first and second strips contains at least one web extending substantially laterally on one side of the profile contained thereon;

and wherein said fastener includes a slider for opening and closing said film.